

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	
	:	
Elizabeth Bates et al.	:	
	:	
For Patent: Monocyte-Derived Nucleic Acids and Related Compositions and Methods	:	Examiner: Chun Dahle
	:	
Serial No.: 10/780,043	:	Group Art Unit: 1644
	:	
Filed: February 17, 2004	:	Date: September 24, 2008
	:	

Schering-Plough Corporation
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2008. The Office Action provides a three month period for the filing of a response. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.